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SUBJECT: REVISED ESTIMATE OF UK SUGAR CROP

1. BRITISH SUGAR CORPORATION (BSC) ANNOUNCED JANUARY 24 THAT 1974 BEET CROP WILL YIELD ONLY 565,000 TONS (REFINED BASIS). THIS IS 90,000 TONS BELOW EARLIER FORECAST OF 650,000 TONS. AVERAGE PRODUCTION IN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS WAS CLOSE TO 900,000 TONS.

2. BSC SAID THAT SIXTEEN OF ITS SEVENTEEN FACTORIES HAVE NOW FINISHED PROCESSING AND THE LAST WILL CLOSE AT THE WEEKEND.

3. BSC ATTRIBUTED THIS SHARP REDUCTION TO A SPRING DROUGHT, COLD SUMMER, AND THE HIGH LEVEL OF VIRUS YELLOW INFECTION. THESE ADVERSE FACTORS REPORTEDLY MADE FOR A MUCH LOWER EXTRACTION RATE THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HARVEST SEASON LAST OCTOBER.

4. LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 1975 CROP, THE BSC ANNOUNCED THAT FARMERS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED CONTRACTS TO GROW 481,000 ACRES OF BEETS. WITH AN AVERAGE YIELD IT
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WOULD NEED 500,000 ACRES TO PRODUCE THE UK BASIC OR "A"

QUOTA OF 1,040,000 TONS OF SUGAR.

5. COMMENT: THE LIKELIHOOD THAT UK FARMERS WILL COMMIT
SUFFICIENT ACREAGE TO FILL THE QUOTA DEPENDS LARGELY
UPON THE FINAL LEVEL OF SUPPORT PRICES TO BE
ANNOUNCED BY THE EC.

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